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SUBJECT: DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR -CULTURAL PRESENTATION
FACILITIES

REF: STATE 116004

1. REFTEL POSED SEVERAL QUESTIN REGARDING LOGISTICS OF PRESENTATION
PARTICUARLY WHAT FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE. FOLLOWING IS OUR BEST
INFORMATION FROM FAIR OFFICIALS.

2. OUTDOOR: MUNICIPAL BASKETBALL PLAY GROUND IS ADJACENT TO
FAIR GROUNDS AND AVAILABLE FOR LARGE OUTDOOR PRESENTATIONS.
ICE FOLLOWS USED THIS AREA WHEN THEY PLAYED HERE FOR FAIR)
SEATING CAPACITY IS BETWEEN TWO AND THREE THOUSAND DEPENDING ON
SPACE NEEDED FOR SHOW.

3.INDOOR: THERE ARE FOUR POSSIBLE SITES BUT ONLY ONE- THE FAIR
THEATRE SEEMS SUITABLE. IT HAS SEATING CAPACITY OF 1850. STAGE
HAS BEEN USED FOR GROUPS RANGING IN SIZE FROM 15 TO 100 ACTORS.
THE OTHER THREE THEATRES HAVE SMALL SEATING CAPACITIES" 240,
555, AND 345, THEIR STATES ARE FOR ABOUT 20 ACTORS BUT
HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN USED FOR ORCHESTRAS.

4. TIMING AND AVAILABILITY: OUTDOOR AREA IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT
DURATION OF FAIR. THEATRE OF FAIR(MENTIONED ABOVE) IS AVAILABLE
FROM AUGUST 1-10. OTHER THEATRES ARE AVAILABLE AUGUST 1-20.

5. FREQUENCY OF PERFORMANCE: NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES DEPENDS ON
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APPEAL OF GROUP AND GROUP SCHEDULE. WE WOULD SUPPOSE LARGER
PLAY FOR MASS APPEAL PERFORMANCE LIKE RODEO OR CIRCUS BUT A
TWO TO GIVE DAY STAND FOR SMALLER GROUPS. NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES
EACH DAY MOST PROBABLY IS ONE BUT CAN BE TWO. BOTH LENGTH
OF STAY AND NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES VERY FLEXIBLE.
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